

NEW BRITAIN AND ALBANY TO BATTLE AT ROLLER HOCKEY TONIGHT—CHET IRWIN ACCEPTS POSITION OF PROFESSIONAL AT PUTNAM GOLF CLUB—HUDSON QUINTET TO PLAY HERE SATURDAY NIGHT—TRADE SCHOOL LOSES TO DEAF SCHOOL

CHET IRWIN APPOINTED PRO AT PUTNAM COURSE

Former Assistant at Shuttle Meadow to Have Charge of Plant in Eastern End of State—Served at Pequabuck Country Club in 1928—Conducted Winter School at Y. M. C. A. for Two Years—Set Record for Total Number of Lessons Given.

Chet Irwin, two seasons ago assistant to Val Flood, professional at the Shuttle Meadow Golf club and last season professional at the Pequabuck Golf club in Terryville, has accepted a position as professional at the Putnam Country Club at Putnam, Conn. Besides being professional at the club, he will also have entire charge of the course.

Through his associations formed while he was at Shuttle Meadow and more so through the acquaintances he has made during the two winter seasons he has been conducting a highly successful golf school at the New Britain Y. M. C. A. Mr. Irwin has gained a wide circle of friends in this city who will regret that he is going from Terryville to a point as far distant as Putnam but at the same time, will rejoice in the good fortune which he has met.

Mr. Irwin has been closely connected with golf for the past 15 years. A native of Pawtucket, R. I., he began at an early age to caddy at



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the Pawtucket Golf club. His adeptness at the game brought him recognition and when the position of assistant pro was created there he stepped into it. The professional there was Harold H. Stallwood, a well known figure in the golf world who recently died while on a visit to England.

While in this position, Mr. Irwin played a great deal of junior tournament golf. He won the junior championship of Rhode Island in his last year there. After this, we went south, to take up a position as assistant pro at the course connected with the Florence Villa hotel in Winter Haven, Fla. He was assistant to Eddie Dempsey there.

It was while he was in the south that Mr. Irwin began to attract particular notice. Then, when he met Cyril Walker, then national champion, and defeated him in an 18-hole match, his reputation grew by leaps and bounds.

After a single season, Mr. Irwin returned north and took a position as manager of the golf department in the Kennedy Clothing Co. in Providence, R. I. Here he remained two years.

In 1926, he came to New Britain as assistant pro to Mr. Flood. He, almost at once, became a popular figure and a much sought-after instructor. Several offers were made to him while in that position and he finally accepted the position of professional at Pequabuck. He spent last season there.

Winter Golf School

At the close of the golfing season in 1927, Mr. Irwin was offered a place at the local Y. M. C. A. for a winter golf school. He accepted the offer and instituted a school for beginners, players and experts.

During the year he set what, in his opinion, is a record for golf schools with regard to the number of pupils instructed. During the indoor season of 1927-28, he gave between 800 and 900 lessons. He set a mark of 21 lessons a day and another of 166 lessons a week. Again in 1928, he returned to the Y. M. C. A. to reopen the school. He has already given more than 500 lessons and he expects to break the total mark set last year by at least 100 lessons.

The school will close on March 28 and after a short rest, Mr. Irwin will take up his duties in Putnam. Although his plans at present for next winter are very indefinite, there is a great demand that Mr. Irwin return to this city as an instructor during the winter and he stated today that his tentative plans will call him back when the coming season is finished.

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REPORT FOR DRILL

Avon Park, Fla., Feb. 23 (UP)—The St. Louis Cardinals are hard at work here preparing for their drive to another pennant in the National League. Twenty-two men, mostly rookies, reported for first drill yesterday.

OTHER ATHLETES ARE SUSPENDED

Amateur Officials Refuse to Lift Ban Against Nurmi

New York, Feb. 28 (AP)—Paavo Nurmi of Finland, victim of one of the best advertised colds in some time, is not the only athlete to find himself under the ban of the Amateur Athletic Union. The Metropolitan A. A. U. registration committee at its meeting last night only refused to lift the suspension of the Flying Finn but suspended several other men who had committed the sin of not appearing at track meets in which they were entered.

Frank Cahel, Joe Tierney, Frank Hussey, Jimmy Quinn, Ralph Luttman, Weems Baskin, Merrill Anderson, Edward Lovejoy and Willie Goodwin were the ones whose excuses failed to satisfy the committee. Ray Barbuti and Phil Edwards were excused. Barbuti explained that his entry in the New York A. A. U. meet was conditional and that business which called him out of town delayed his notice that he would not compete. He also affirmed his complete retirement from running, saying that he intended to devote all his time to business.

Although his explanation of his non-appearance at the national championships seemed satisfactory, the registration committee decided to do some more investigating before Nurmi was restored to good standing. The Finn said that the below zero temperature when he ran in Detroit aggravated a cold which had troubled him for some time and his decision not to run in New York was made on the train to New York. The difficulty came when his friends refused to take his decision seriously and he had to write a personal letter of withdrawal, which did not reach the A. A. U. office until Monday.

Meanwhile he remains under the official ban and the attempt of his young countryman, Eino Purje, to fill his place is meeting with unexpected setbacks. Purje, who took Nurmi's place in the New York county American Legion games last night, found the long handicaps he had conceded to his American rivals a bit too much. He finished the 1 1/2 mile race 12 yards behind F. C. Bayley of the New York A. C., who started from the 50 yard mark, and Phil Shacklette of Manhattan college, handicapped at 140 yards.

Elmo Carruthers, former Cornell hurdler, and the New York University sprint relay team provided the most sensational of the meet, breaking a pair of ancient records. Carruthers smashed a 43-year-old mark for the 80-yard hurdles, by clearing the barriers in 10 3/5 seconds. The old record of 12 seconds was set by Malcolm Ford in 1886. The N. Y. U. team negotiated a half mile in 1:34 2/5, just one second better than the mark made by the Xavier A. A. team in 1912.

THOMPSONVILLE TO BATTLE BURRITTS

Locals Out After Second Consecutive Victory Saturday

Returning to the win column by defeating the fast Lakers of Meriden last Saturday, the Burritts basketball team will attempt to make it two straight when it battles with the strong Polish-American five of Thompsonville at the Stanley Arena Saturday evening. The upstate team is a member of the Polish Alliance league and is holding second place at the present time. The aggregation is known as one of the roughest teams in the state and recently scored an overwhelming victory over a picked team from this city. Last year the Burritts scored two victories over the Thompsonville crew and the Polish aggregation will be anxious to avenge these defeats Saturday evening.

The Burritts have scored 16 victories to date with but two losses. In return games the locals scored wins over both teams that defeated them. Up until their defeat two weeks ago by the Lakers of Meriden, the Burritts had scored 11 consecutive wins.

Anxious to keep on its winning way and to avenge the defeat of the local All-Stars at the hands of the Thompsonville team, the Burritts will start their strongest lineup in Saturday's battle. Yakubowicz and Haylick will play in the forward positions, Luty will jump center, while Darrow and Carlson will roam in the backcourt. Gill and Kose, who starred in last Saturday's game, may get the call to start.

The Thompsonville lineup will be as follows: Kaminsky, Haverly and Toner, forwards; Dinen center; Kulas and Niemce, guards. The game will start at 8 o'clock.

DOWN TO SERIOUS WORK

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 28 (UP)—With Manager Walter Johnson in uniform and directing men from the field, the Washington Senators were down to serious work today.

SHARKEY MAKES STRONG FINISH

Gets Close Verdict Over Stribling in Slow Bout

Miami Beach, Fla., Feb. 28 (AP)—The impetuous fling of youth, it seems, isn't enough. Young Stribling, idol of the south and a veteran of pugilism, despite his 24 years, had his fling last night, but at the end of the glamorous melodrama of Miami Beach, the official decision went to Jack Sharkey, the dour, chunky and hard hitting sailor from down east.

In a ten round match that was alternately fast and dull, hard fought and close, but punctuated with few real moments of thrilling excitement, Sharkey overcame a big lead on points piled up by Stribling in the earlier rounds and won with a strong finish throughout the last four rounds.

The battering Bostonian had his hand lifted aloft as the victor by Referee Lou Magnolia of New York, but his margin of victory was thin and far from convincing, either to a major of experts or to most of the crowd of 40,000 that was packed in the picturesque setting of Flamingo Park.

Magnolia, sole arbiter of the battle, did not hesitate to lift Sharkey's hand, nor did his score sheet, showing six rounds for the Boston boxer, three for Stribling and one even, leave room for any doubt in his mind. Ringside critics, although widely at variance in their opinions, were not far from unanimous in agreement with the verdict. The majority, in a poll taken by the Associated Press, credited Sharkey with no more than a single round's margin. But only about one out of every twelve in the critical group assembled around the ring believed Stribling was entitled to victory or at least a draw.

More Spectacular Stribling, outwitted and outboxed, but not out-gamed, fought the more spectacular fight. He furnished the one big moment of drama in the fourth round when he caught Sharkey flush on the left temple with an overhand right that staggered the Boston sailor and made his knees sag momentarily. Then, as at other times, however, the gallant Georgian was unable to follow up his advantage.

Sharkey, in better fighting condition, was woefully slow, ineffective and wild at times, but he fought the more business-like fight. He won by the colorless but nevertheless effective method of pounding Stribling's body until it was sore, bruised and blotchy red. That punishing mode of attack, slowly but certainly took the steam from Stribling's own offensive, slowed up his plunges and wore down his resistance in a bout that was filled with plenty of pushing and pulling, tugging and hugging.

Yet for all the closeness of the decision, for all that Sharkey yet have to prove before he regains the top rank he held more than two years ago in the heavyweight scramble, the victory moves the Boston brawler another furlong along the comeback trail. His next opponent—in the program leading up to a possible comeback by Jack Dempsey in the struggle for Gene Tunney's vacated throne—probably will be the rugged and iron jawed Spaniard, Paulino Uzcudun, who grunted last night when he belted his rivals in action and flaunted his challenge to the winner.

For all the fight may have lacked in spectacular elements, or in the drama that would have gone with a knockout or a decisive victory, it was nevertheless apparently exciting to a crowd enjoying all the novelty of the spectacle itself, its tropical surroundings, its gathering of the great and its testimony to the successful completion of one of the most interesting sports ventures of all time.

Of the crowd of some 40,000 about 25,000 contributed to an astonishing "gate" estimated at \$400,000 for the venture that Tex Rickard planned as a big gamble and which his successors, led by Jack Dempsey and "Big Bill" Dwyer, brought to success only after many misgivings. Probably thousands in the crowd came to see how it could be done, skeptical perhaps to the last, when the gates finally were closed and a sell out announced.

A Great Show It was, altogether, a great show in which the big fight itself seemed in the end only a major item, the climax but not the whole thing. For the famous figures of sports, of business, of politics and society, this spectacle was something to see. For the thousands of ordinary fans and pleasure seekers, it was perhaps worth the price to pick out the celebrities who filled the ringside rows; to see Jack Dempsey, the promoter, in his tuxedo; to note John J. Farrell, the golf king, or Babe Ruth, Irene Castle, McLaughlin or Estelle Taylor Dempsey, or the big chiefs of business and finance.

If the fight itself did not stir the emotions such as did the Dempsey-Tunney battle, for instance, it nevertheless had its few big moments, its contrast in the courageous battle of youth against seasoned rugged warrior.

Lost Big Gamble Striding made the big gamble and lost, but the crowd applauded him for it. Naturally enough, the personal sympathies of most of those in the arena, coming from the south, were with the Georgian, but he had neither the stamina nor the punching power to sustain an offensive that up until the last few rounds gave him the chance to win.

Stribling threw away his lead into the first half of the fight. When his big bid for a knockout, in the fourth failed he seemed to lose spirit. After the sixth, he was a third period.

OUT OF THE PAST



Jack Dempsey showed his passion for swell clothes way back in the days when he had few dollars and no title. But the stylishly attired Dempsey of today doesn't go in for the extremes he and his manager Jack Kearns went for way back in those days of 1914. They went to a photographer to have the above picture taken. The newspaper photographers didn't take their pictures for nothing in these days. Dempsey was then showing his fondness for suede-top shoes and it was only in recent years that he lost his fancy for them. Overcoat with detachable fur collar was all the vogue at that time and so were iron hats, but only the real sports felt for the kind of a skinner Kearns is smiling under.

"We were hot dressers at that time," Dempsey said recently; "even if we didn't have a buck in the kick we looked like big dough."

COMETS PRESERVE PERFECT RECORD

Win Fourth in Row in Boys' Club "A" League

	W.	L.	Pts.
Comets	4	0	1,000
Cardinals	3	1	750
Favorites	2	2	500
Redwings	2	2	500
Spartans	1	3	250
Reo's Terribles	0	4	0

The Comets won their fourth straight victory in the Group A Intermediate Basketball league at the boys' club last night, pinning an 18-11 defeat on the Favorites. Puzo led his team on the attack, with Curly going well and Annunziata doing nice work from the foul line. Capodice topped the losers, and Wojack and Myska were good on the defense. The Summary:

	Ftd.	Fl.	Pts.
Huday, rf	1	0	2
Tudzia, lf	1	0	2
Redwings, c	2	2	6
Capodice, c	2	1	6
Wojack, rf	0	1	1
Myska, lg	0	0	0
Comets	4	3	11

	Ftd.	Fl.	Pts.
Annunziata, lf	0	1	1
Annunziata, lf	0	2	3
Puzo, c	3	2	8
Curly, rf	2	0	4
Kobelt, lg	1	0	2
Comets	6	6	18

The Redwings downed the Spartans by 22-11. Glosnik, Hochert and Zaleski starred for the winners and Pesak for the Spartans. The Summary:

	Ftd.	Fl.	Pts.
Zaleski, rf	1	0	2
Bochert, c	2	1	5
Zaleski, lf	2	0	4
Glosnik, rf	4	1	9
Kominas, lg	1	0	2
Spartans	19	2	22

	Ftd.	Fl.	Pts.
H. Shupski, rf	1	0	2
Muzzo, lf	1	0	2
Pesak, c	2	0	4
Sedor, rf	1	1	3
Wienn, lg	0	0	0
Spartans	5	1	11

With Patuch, Rowinski and Domkowski working in great form and all other players on the team rendering aid, the Cardinals trimmed Reo's Terribles by 24-15. Morley was high man for the losers. The Summary:

	Ftd.	Fl.	Pts.
D. Reo, rf	2	0	4
Bellomo, lf	1	1	3
Callum, c	0	0	0
Morley, rf	3	1	7
Scheyd, rf	0	0	0
Botticelli, lg	0	1	1
Cardinals	15	2	22

	Ftd.	Fl.	Pts.
Rowinski, rf	3	1	7
Domkowski, lf	2	1	7
Paluch, c	4	0	8
Kobelt, lf	1	0	2
Jervis, lg	2	0	4
Nappi, lg	2	0	4
Cardinals	15	2	22

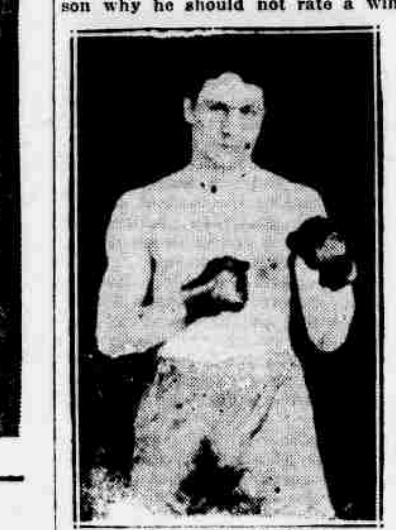
DARTMOUTH WINS Doha, N. Y., Feb. 28 (UP)—Dartmouth defeated Cornell at basketball last night, 23 to 28. Cornell led 16 to 12 at the end of the first period.

O'BRIEN BATTLES ALGER TONIGHT

Middleweights to Clash in Foot Guard Hall Ring

Hartford, Feb. 28—Tonight at Foot Guard hall the regular professional boxing show will hold forth with two high class junior middleweights in the star bout of 10 rounds at 155 pounds between Billy Alger of Phoenix, Arizona, and Frankie O'Brien of this city with an under card of three six rounds and two four rounds.

Eddie Harvey of New York, who directs Alger, sends word that Alger is in great shape and sees no reason why he should not rate a win



FRANKIE O'BRIEN

over O'Brien. Judging from Alger's record, which shows wins over Ace Hudkins, Clyde Hull and kayoes over Ruby Goldstein and Joey Silvers and a draw with Laddie Lee, this appears to be so.

Eddie Harvey will second Alger in this bout, which he figures an important one. Harvey will leave immediately after the bout to be in Tom Heene's corner when he battles Jim Maloney at Boston on the next night.

O'Brien, who has won his last three starts in convincing fashion against Jack Britton, Eddie Adams and Frankie Konechni, reports in great shape and looks for a win over Alger but not without a hard battle.

Nick Christy and Johnny Andrews of New Haven are scheduled to mix in a six round semi-final at 130 pounds. Ray Sanborn of this city and Ed Skinner of New Haven meet in a six rounder at 170 pounds.

Mickey Flahive of Atlanta, Georgia, meets Mickey Williams of Montpelier, Vermont, in another six rounder at 135 pounds. Charles Romano of this city meets Harry Hueston of Pittsburgh in a four rounder at 122 pounds.

Mike Cavalier of Bristol and Pete Orsline of Springfield open the show in a four rounder at 125 pounds.

TIGERS LEAD LEAGUE Boston, Feb. 28 (UP)—Undisputed leadership of the Canadian-American Hockey league was gained by the Boston Tigers when they scored a 2-1 victory over the New York Bulldogs here last night. "Deacon" Walte starred for Boston, passing to Reg Mackey for the first goal and scoring the second himself after picking up Mackey's rebound inside the Newark defense.

PRINCETON VICTORIOUS Princeton, N. J., Feb. 28 (UP)—Princeton rallied last night to win a basketball victory from Rutgers, 32 to 26. It was the first time Princeton had defeated Rutgers in three years.

ALBANY ROLLER HOCKEY TEAM IS HERE TONIGHT

Battle for League Leadership to be Continued When Teams Clash at Stanley Arena—Revision in Standings Takes One Win From New Britain—Locals Defeat Providence Team 14 to 8 But Rhode Islanders Protest Use of "Red" Williams.

Last Night's Results			
New Britain 14, Providence 8.			
Standings			
	W.	L.	Pts.
Albany	28	20	583
New Britain	29	22	568
Waterbury	23	23	500
Providence	21	22	487
Fall River	21	25	457

Albany, at the present time the leading quintet in the American Roller Hockey league, will be here tonight in its farewell appearance on the regular schedule of the American Roller Hockey league. The team at present is leading New Britain by a game and tonight's battle will be a humdinger.

"Red" Williams, brother to "Kid" Williams and star of the Waterbury team, has been added to New Britain for games last night and tonight and he will appear as a running mate of the other member of his family at the Stanley Arena tonight.

Due to an objection offered by Fall River, the standing has been revised giving New Britain one less victory and one more loss. A game played last week in Fall River was erroneously credited to New Britain. According to the present standing, a victory for New Britain tonight, will send the local team back into first place.

Albany will have its usual strong lineup with the Pierce brothers in the rushes, Lunderville at center, Morrison at halfback and Barnikov in the goal. New Britain will have "Kid" Williams at first rush, "Red" Williams at second rush, Thompson at center, Gazzinga at halfback and Welch in the goal. The game will start about 9 o'clock.

Swamp Providence Strengthened by the addition of "Red" Williams, Waterbury star, the New Britain team swamped Providence under a 4 to 3 score in Providence last week. Manager James Sullivan of Providence will protest the game and ask that it be forfeited to Providence because of the use of "Red" Williams who is still a member of the Waterbury club.

The local team went on a wild scoring rampage right at the beginning of the game. The two members of the Williams family, the famous "Kid" local star and his brother, "Red", peppered the Providence cage with every kind of a shot imaginable. Harry Thompson playing at center, was a whirlwind of speed while Gazzinga and Welch played well on the defense.

New Britain caged six goals in the first period while Providence was getting two. Five more in the second period to a lonesome counter by the Grays, gave the locals a lead of 11 to 3 as the third period opened. Providence caged five in the last frame but New Britain kept a satisfactory edge by caging three.

The score:  
New Britain 14  
Providence 8  
1st Rush  
A. Williams ..... Duggan  
W. Williams ..... Wiley  
2d Rush  
Thompson ..... Higgins  
Center  
Gazzinga ..... Muirhead  
Halfback  
Welch ..... Lovegreen  
First Period  
Goal Won by Caged by Time  
1 Providence Higgins 1:41  
2 New Britain W. Williams 3:49  
3 New Britain Thompson 1:11  
4 New Britain A. Williams 1:48  
5 Providence Duggan 1:05

Roller Hockey TONIGHT 9 o'clock Stanley Arena ALBANY vs. NEW BRITAIN Amateur Game at 8 o'clock Phone 2644 For Reservation

Oh, Man!

